

2002 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE

OPERATIONS BY TYPE

Family/Individual	90.2%
Partnership	6.0%
Incorporated	3.4%
Other	.4%

OPERATIONS BY SIZE

<u>Size of Operation</u>	<u>Farms % of Total</u>	<u>Land in Farms % of Total</u>
1 - 49 Acres	45.6	6.2
50 - 99 Acres	21.4	8.9
100 - 179 Acres	13.8	10.7
180 - 499 Acres	11.9	20.2
500 - 999 Acres	4.0	16.2
1000 +Acres	3.3	37.8

PRINCIPAL OPERATORS BY AGE GROUP

<u>Age of Operator</u>	<u>Percent of Operations</u>
Under 25	0.6
25 - 34	4.2
35 - 44	15.4
45 - 54	27.0
55 - 64	25.4
65 - 69	10.0
70 and Over	17.4
Average Age = 56.1	

FARMS BY VALUE OF SALES

<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Number</u>
Less than 49,999	42,931
50,000-99,999	2,208
100,000-249,999	2,630
250,000 or more	6,161

NORTH CAROLINA HIGHLIGHTS



Major NC Farm Commodities

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FARM INCOME

Cash Receipts from Farming by Commodity, North Carolina, 2004

NC RANK	COMMODITIES	2004	2004 PERCENT OF TOTAL SALES
		<i>Million Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1	Hogs	2,079	25.3
2	Broilers	2,042	24.9
3	Greenhouse/Nursery	832	10.1
4	Tobacco	620	7.6
5	Turkeys	449	5.5
6	Cotton	304	3.7
7	Soybeans	288	3.5
8	Cattle and Calves	258	3.2
9	Chicken Eggs	240	2.9
10	Corn	182	2.2
11	Milk	171	2.1
12	Christmas Trees & Greenery	101	1.2
13	Sweetpotatoes	90	1.1
14	Peanuts	77	0.9
15	Wheat	73	0.9
16	Blueberries	32	0.4
17	Cucumbers	31	0.4
18	Hay	20	0.2
19	Tomatoes	18	0.2

NC RANK	COMMODITIES	2004	2004 PERCENT OF TOTAL SALES
		<i>Million Dollars</i>	<i>Percent</i>
20	Apples	18	0.2
21	Strawberries	16	0.2
22	Irish Potatoes	15	0.2
23	Sweet Corn	11	0.1
24	Cabbage	11	0.1
25	Snap Beans	10	0.1
26	Bell Peppers	10	0.1
27	Squash	9	0.1
28	Chickens, Farm	8	0.1
29	Catfish	7	0.1
30	Watermelon	6	0.1
31	Trout	6	0.1
32	Grapes	3	*
33	Peaches	3	*
34	Barley	2	*
35	Sorghum Grain	1	*
36	Oats	1	*
37	Honey	1	*
38	Rye	1	*
39	Pecans	0.2	*

* Less than 0.05 percent

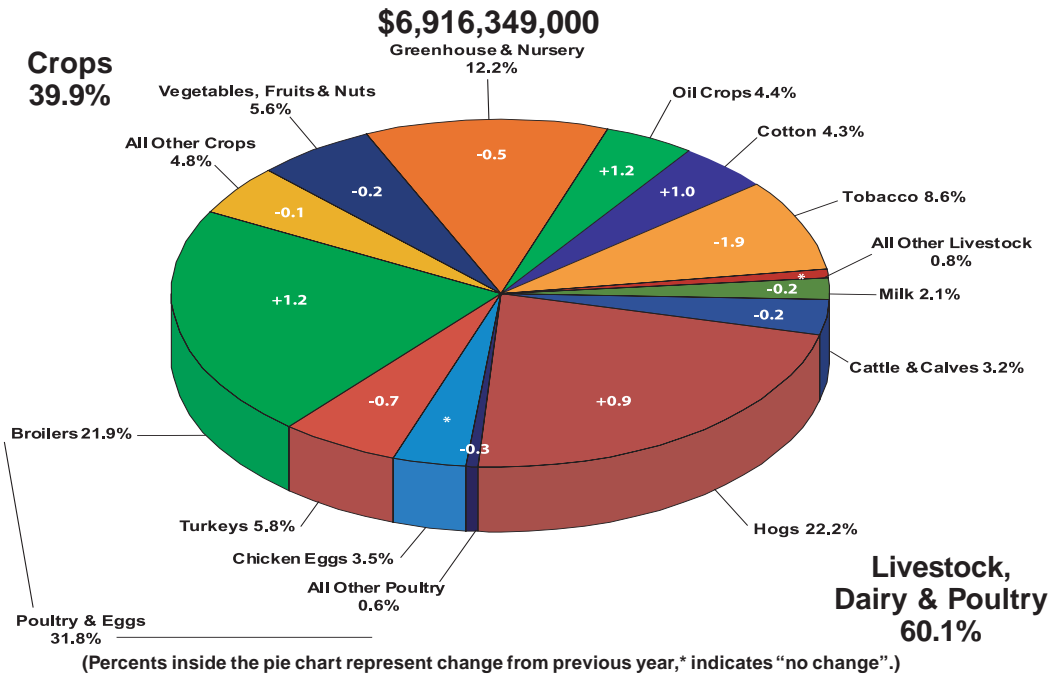
North Carolina's agricultural industry, including food, fiber and forestry, contributes \$59.1 billion annually to the State's economy, and accounts for 21.5 percent of the State's income, and employs over 18 percent of the work force.

Number of Farms and Land in Farms, 2000-2004 ¹

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size	SALES CLASS ESTIMATES					
				\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 +	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 +
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>			<i>Thousand Acres</i>		
	NORTH CAROLINA								
2000	57.0	9,200	161	34,000	13,000	10,000	2,000	1,800	5,400
2001	55.0	9,120	166	33,700	11,500	9,000	2,000	1,800	5,300
2002	54.2	9,100	168	33,700	11,500	9,000	2,300	2,000	4,800
2003	53.5	9,100	170	33,500	11,500	8,500	2,300	2,000	4,800
2004	52.0	9,000	173	32,100	11,300	8,600	2,200	1,950	4,850

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

SOURCE OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS, NORTH CAROLINA, 2003



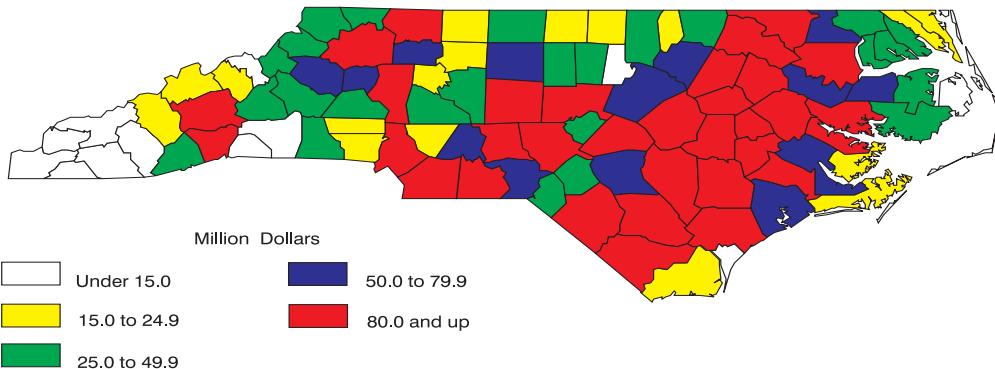
TOP TEN COUNTIES IN FARM CASH RECEIPTS NORTH CAROLINA, 2003 ¹

Rank	Total	
	County	Thousand Dollars
1	Sampson	583,257
2	Duplin	570,204
3	Union	291,508
4	Wayne	257,921
5	Wilkes	232,733

Rank	Total	
	County	Thousand Dollars
6	Bladen	229,804
7	Johnston	215,090
8	Randolph	189,828
9	Robeson	177,138
10	Greene	143,132

¹ Includes Government Payments.

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, 2003



NORTH CAROLINA'S RANK IN U.S. AGRICULTURE, 2004

U.S.	Item	Production	N.C. Percent of U.S. Production	Top Three States
1	Total Tobacco	351 (Mil Lbs)	39.9	NC, KY, VA
	Flue-Cured Tobacco	344 (Mil Lbs)	66.3	NC, SC, VA
	Sweetpotatoes	6,880 (000 Cwt)	42.7	NC, CA, MS
2	Hogs & Pigs (12-1-04)	9.9 (Mil Hd)	16.2	IA, NC, MN
	Christmas Trees Cash Receipts	\$101 (Mil)	20.0	OR, NC, WA
	Turkeys Raised	39 (Mil Hd)	14.8	MN, NC, AR
3	Cucumbers for Pickles	69 (000 Tons)	11.8	MI, FL, NC
	Trout Sold	4.1 (Mil Lbs)	8.5	ID, WA, NC
	Poultry & Egg Products Cash Receipts	\$2,779 (Mil)	9.4	AR, GA, NC
4	Blueberries ¹	22.9 (Mil Lbs)	10.1	MI, NJ, OR
	Broilers	720 (Mil Hd)	8.5	GA, AR, AL
	Greenhouse & Nursery Cash Receipts	\$832 (Mil)	5.5	CA, FL, TX
	Strawberries	176 (000 Cwt)	0.8	CA, FL, OR
5	Catfish Sold - Foodsize	10 (Mil Lbs)	1.5	MS, AL, AR
	Peanuts	357 (Mil Lbs)	8.4	GA, TX, AL
	Snap Beans	270 (000 Cwt)	4.6	FL, GA, CA
6	Burley Tobacco	6.6 (Mil Lbs)	2.3	KY, TN, OH
	Cotton ²	1,360 (000 Bales)	5.8	TX, CA, MS
	Cucumbers, Fresh Market	630 (000 Cwt)	6.5	FL, GA, MI
	Livestock, Dairy & Poultry Cash Receipts	\$5,351 (Mil)	4.3	TX, CA, NE
7	Bell Peppers	440 (000 Cwt)	2.6	CA, FL, NJ
	Net Farm Income	\$2,990 (Mil)	3.6	CA, TX, IA
8	All Commodities Cash Receipts	\$8,210 (Mil)	3.9	CA, UT, IA
	Apples ¹	132 (Mil Lbs)	1.3	WA, NY, MI
	Cabbage	1,120 (000 Cwt)	4.5	CA, NY, TX
	Squash	300 (000 Cwt)	3.9	CA, FL, GA
	Watermelons	1,050 (000 Cwt)	2.9	FL, CA, TX
9	Chickens (12-1-04), (Excludes Broilers)	17.7 (Mil Hd)	3.9	IA, OH, IN
	Sweet Corn	675 (000 Cwt)	2.3	FL, CA, GA
	Tomatoes	620 (000 Cwt)	1.7	FL, CA, VA
10	Eggs - Value of Production	\$240 (Mil)	4.5	IA, GA, AR
	Grapes ¹	3,500 (Tons)	<0.1	CA, WA, NY
12	Export Shares	\$1,638 (Mil)	2.4	CA, IA, IL
13	Crop Cash Receipts	\$2,859 (Mil)	2.6	CA, IA, IN
14	Pecans	0.1 (Mil Lbs)	<0.1	GA, TX, NM
16	Number of Farms	52 (000)	2.5	TX, MO, IA
	Soybeans	51 (Mil Bu)	1.6	IL, IA, IN
17	Corn for Grain	87 (Mil Bu)	0.7	IA, IL, NE
	Irish Potatoes	2,700 (000 Cwt)	0.6	ID, WA, WI
	Oats	1.8 (Mil Bu)	1.5	ND, SD, WI
	Sorghum Grain	728 (Mil Bu)	0.2	KS, TX, NE
18	Winter Wheat	23 (Mil Bu)	1.5	KS, OK, WA
19	Barley	1.0 (Mil Bu)	0.3	ND, ID, MT
21	Peaches ¹	3,500 (Tons)	0.3	CA, SC, GA
30	Milk	1,006 (Mil Lbs)	0.6	CA, WI, NY
31	Hay	1,776 (000 Tons)	1.1	TX, MO, CA
32	Cattle on Farms (1-1-05)	870 (000 Hd)	0.9	TX, KS, NE

¹ Utilized Production. ² 480 lbs. bales.